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SUBJ: GVN FOREIGN MINISTRY COMMUNIQUE PROTESTS COMMUNIST
ATTACK BAN ME THUOT

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1. MFA EVENING, MARCH 10 ISSUED FOLLOWING COMMUNIQUE CONCERNING CURRENT NVA ATTACK ON BAN ME THUOT PROVINCIAL CAPITAL.

2. BEGIN TEXT COMMUNIQUE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM ON THE COMMUNIST ATTACK ON BAN ME THUOT ON 10 MARCH 1975.

"THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM SOLEMNLY DENOUNCES BEFORE WORLD OPINION A NEW AND VERY GRAVE ESCALATION TAKEN BY COMMUNIST NORTH VIET-NAM IN ITS SCHEME OF SABOTAGING THE ENTIRE PARIS AGREEMENT OF JANUARY 27, 1973 AND ITS ATTEMPT TO CONQUER SOUTH VIET-NAM BY FORCE OF ARMS:

"ON MARCH 10, 1975, AT 03:00 A.M., THE COMMUNISTS HAVE MASSIVELY AND INDISCRIMINATELY SHELLED OVER 400 ROUNDS OF ARTILLERY OF VARIOUS KINS INTO THE PROVINCE CITY OF BAN ME THUOT. LATER ON, THEY ASSAULTED THE CITY WITH IMPORTANT FORCES MADE OF THE NORTH VIETNAMESE DIVISION 320, REINFORCED BY INDEPENDENT INFANTRY REGIMENTS AND SAPPER UNITS AND HEAVILY SUPPORTED BY ONE ARMORED BATTALION AND ANTI-AIRCRAFT ARTILLERY.

"THE ARMED FORCES OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM STATIONED IN BAN ME THUOT HAVE HEROICALLY RESISTED THIS ATTACK AND INFLICTED HEAVY CASUALTIES ON THE ENEMY. DURING THE FIRST HOURS OF FIGHTING, TEN NORTH VIETNAMESE TANKS WERE HIT AND CAUGHT FIRE. THE COMBAT IS STILL GOING ON.

"THE SAVAGE SHELLING AND ATTACK BY COMMUNIST FORCES AGAINST A DENSELY POPULATED CENTER SUCH AS THE CITY OF BAN ME THUOT IS AN INTOLERABLE CHALLENGE TO THE CONSCIENCE OF THE PEACE-LOVING PEOPLE IN THE WORLD AS WELL AS TO THE SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY OF THE SIGNATORIES TO THE ACT OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON VIET-NAM.
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"THIS BLATANT VIOLATION OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT PERPETRATED BY COMMUNIST NORTH VIET-NAM SHOULD BE ALL THE MORE SEVERELY CONDEMNED AS IT CONSTITUTES A PART OF A LARGE SCALE AND VIOLENT OFFENSIVE LAUNCHED BY COMMUNIST TROOPS SINCE MARCH 5, 1975 IN THE HIGHLANDS OF CENTRAL VIET-NAM.

"IN FACT, WITHIN THE LAST 6 DAYS, COMMUNIST FORCES HAVE

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LAUNCHED A WAVE OF DESTRUCTION, BOMBARDMENTS AND ATTACKS, ACCUMULATING THOUSANDS OF CRIMES ALONG NATIONAL ROUTES NOS. 19, 21, 14, AND IN THE AREAS OF DISTRICT TOWNS OF BINH KHE, LE TRUNG, THUAN MAN, DUC LAP ... ON MARCH 8, 1975, THEY HAVE FORCIBLY CAPTURED THE DISTRICT TOWN OF THUAN MAN OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM.

"THUS, COMMUNIST NORTH VIET-NAM HAS BECOME INCREASINGLY BRAZEN IN TRAMPLING ON THE PROVISION CONCERNING THE CEASE-FIRE IN THE PARIS AGREEMENT; IT HAS INCREASINGLY SHOWN ITS UTTER CONTEMPT FOR THE INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION FOR CONTROL AND SUPERVISION; IT HAS DEFIED MORE OPENLY THAN EVER THE PLEDGE MADE BY THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE PARIS INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON VIET-NAM TO GUARANTEE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT.

"THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM STRONGLY CONDEMNS THE FLAGRANT AND BARBARIC ACTS OF WAR THE COMMUNISTS ARE WAGING IN COMPLETE DISREGARD OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT. THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM EARNESTLY CALLS UPON:
TW NQN THE INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION FOR CONTROL AND SUPERVISION TO FULFILL ITS FUNCTION, BY CONDUCTING INVESTIGATIONS AND MAKING REPORTS ON VIOLATIONS PERPETRATED BY THE COMMUNIST SIDE AT THE PRESENT TIME,

- THE PARTIES SIGNATORY TO THE ACT OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON VIET-NAM TO, EITHER INDIVIDUALLY OR JOINTLY, CONSULT WITH THE OTHER PARTIES TO THIS ACT WITH A VIEW TO DETERMINING NECESSARY REMEDIAL MEASURES TO PUT AN END TO THESE VIOLATIONS,

- THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLES WHO ARE FRIENDS OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM TO SEVERELY CONDEMN THE CRIMINAL ACTS OF THE
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COMMUNIST SIDE AND TO ACTIVELY SUPPORT THE REPUBLIC OF VIET-ANM IT ITS TASK OF REPELLING THE COMMUNIST AGGRESSION IN ORDER TO IMPLEMENT THE PARIS AGREEMENT,

- PEACE-AND-FREEDOM-LOVING GOVERNMENTS AND PEOPLES IN THE WORLD TO RESOLUTELY CONDEMN THE CRIMINAL ACTS OF THE COMMUNIST SIDE AND TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ASSISTANCE TO THE VICTIMS OF THE WAR OF AGGRESSION WAGED BY COMMUNIST NORTH VIET-NAM.
SAIGON, MARCH 10, 1975. END TEXT.
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